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American Agriculture Not Political

—Sec. Benson

By ERNEST J. NEILL

'American agriculture is neither Republican or Democrat; farm people must not be thought of as a group who can be put on the political auction block," Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson told some 5,000 farmers and farm people in an address before the Pennsylvan a State Poultry Federation in the 3rd annual Poultry Festival during Pennsylvania Dutch Days at Hershey Saturday

Six major points were brought out by the secretary in his appearance; 1, Pennsylvania Dutch are known as "good farmers", there is no higher title (good farmer) that one farmer can bestow on another; 2, he reviewed progress in production and efficiency in the poultry industry Today's poultry industry is a product of science, 3, poultrymen were commended for rejecting the siren-song of price supports, and basic crops under rigid price supports right up to the harvests of last fall, are now in more serious difficulties than are the crops and livestock that have not been price supported;

4, Agriculture is not political, however, the Secretary said he is not at all unhappy that some people are choosing to make agricultural problems an issue of the campaign. If price supports are to be increased, extended to other crops and livestock, as again is being proposed, farmers will be subject to more controls; 5, our most critical farm problems are rooted in accumulated surpluses, 6, the agricultural objective of this administration is a sound, prosperous, expanding and free agriculture

Some of the Secretary's most pertinent points came out in remarks added beyond the printed speech delivered to newsmen prior to the address. In fact, these extensions lengthened his address almost 15 minutes.

The unceasing quest for improvement explains the inventiveness and experimentation through which our farming has changed so rapidly "People who are through changing are through," the Secretary asserted

Since World War I, egg production per hen has considerably more than doubled The quantity of eggs produced from a ton of feed is up about 35 per cent egg production per hour of labor on laying flocks has tripled" he told, adding, "I think we owe a debt as American people to our American farmers. None are more efficient"

Most of the progress made in farming in the past has been due to the fact that farmers have been free to make their own management decisions Certainly this essential freedom will be no less important in the future It is our purpose to keep this agri-

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Tobacco Harvesting Time

Lancaster County farmers at the moment are knee-deep in the 1956 tobacco harvest, now that weather has moderated. Here is a view on Lloyd W. Nolt's Ponds Farm, R1 Lancaster, showing the harvest in full swing. From left to right are Roy Eppley, Mr. Myer, Farm Manager Monroe Fahnestock, Mr. Myer's son, and on the tractor, Barry Eppley.

Soil Bank Can Aid County by Higher Prices

By ERNEST J. NEILL
Editor-Lancaster Farming

Farmers — even those who cannot take acres out of production — will benefit through the Administration's Soil Bank program through increased prices for farm commodities, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson told a news conference at Hershey Saturday evening.

Mr Benson, who addressed the Poultry Federation of Pennsylvania later, answered a query posed by **Lancaster Farming**, since Lancaster County farms, being of small average size, cannot economically take acres out of production.

"We have insisted this program be voluntary. We resisted attempts to make the program compulsory. The farmer will benefit in or out of the program—at the market place. Prices have already responded," the Secretary continued, "and are now about 10 per cent above a year ago, due in part to the Soil Bank."

Mr Benson was free and direct with his answers Questioned about the problem of homogenized tobacco leaf, where scraps are bound with plastic, the Secretary said the program is under study by the USDA, but no tax program to differentiate the actual and the homegenized leaf in the markets has been considered.

"I've been through this country before, and I always like it," Mr Benson told of Pennsylvania.

Explaining the Soil-Bank further, he told newsmen:

"The overall purpose of the Soil Bank is to end surpluses on basic commodities. It's a temporary, emergency program

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Pennsylvania Livestock Show Nov. 12-16, 1957

HARRISBURG — The first Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition will be held in the State Farm Show building and arena here Nov 12-16 of next year, State Secretary of Agriculture William L Henning announced today

Plans are underway to bring a well known western rodeo for the event which is expected to attract up to 100,000 people, he said

The five-day livestock exposition is to be open to exhibitors of beef cattle, sheep and swine from any state and foreign country, giving it an international status, Dr. Henning explained. More than 2,000 head of livestock can be accommodated in the Farm Show Building, he added.

The gigantic 1957 livestock exposition was made possible through a special State appropriation of $50,000 allocated by the 1955 State Legislature. It will be planned and operated through an executive committee of representatives of the Pennsylvania Livestock and Allied Industries Association, the State Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania State University.

In signing the appropriation measure Governor George M. Leader said: "This is one more good use for the Farm Show Arena and livestock barns and will bring national recognition to Pennsylvania"

Chairman of the committee is Leon Falk, Jr., of Pittsburgh and Falkland Farms, Schellsburg, Bedford County. State Deputy Secretary of Agriculture L. H. Bull is secretary and N. L. Claiborne, Pittsburgh stockyards, treasurer. The committee to meet each month with chairmen of various sub-committees.

Now 14 months away, the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition will include the 1957 National Polled Hereford Show which alone will bring 400 head of prize beef cattle for the event, according to Falk.

Dr. Henning said the Nov 12-16, 1957 dates fall immediately after the annual National Standardbred Horse Sale scheduled for Nov 4-8, 1957 and the Pennsylvania National Horse Show during the week of Oct. 19-26, 1957.

If plans for the twice-a-day rodeo materialize it will be the same organization of champion riders that appears at Madison Square Garden, New York, and the Boston Gardens, it was said.

Deadline on Angus Show Window Auction October 1

Deadline for entries to the International "Show Window" Sale of Aberdeen-Angus cattle is October 1, 1956, announces Frank Richards, secretary of the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association, St Joseph, Missouri. This sale, sponsored by the national association, has been an annual event during the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. It will be held at 7 00 p m on Monday, November 26, 1956

Exhibitors of cattle at the Chicago sale pay an entry fee of $25 per head with the top 10 bulls and 40 females selling as the "Show Window" offering of the breed Entries to the sale are also entered in the Exposition These cattle have come from the United States and Canada

For the second year in a row, Lebanon County captured the Queen's honors for the state, when Mrs. Ezra Tatt Benson wife of the U. S. secretary of agriculture, crowned Miss Elizabeth Erb of Mount Zion. Miss Erb, also State Honey Bee Queen, is shown here with Mrs. Benson, and Miss Lorraine Eshelman, Lebanon, retiring queen. With red hair, and brown eyes, Miss Erb plans to study nursing, and has received a $150 scholarship toward that goal. She is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Erb, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ephriam Erb. She was crowned Saturday night at the Pennsylvania Poultry Festival during Dutch Days at Hershey. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Lancaster Livestock: Prime Steers Score $30.75; Barrows, Gilts 50 Lower

WEDNESDAY REVIEW

By David S. Lorensen

USDA Market News Service

WEDNESDAY TO WEDNES-

Cattle, Three days, 3,823, week ago 4,376 Compared with last Wednesday, slaughter steers high choice and prime strong to 50 cents higher, other grades weak to 50 cents lower Heifers steady to weak, cows around 25 cent lower. Bulls mostly steady Slow trade on stockers and feeders unevenly 75 cents-1 00 lower The supply comprised around 50 per cent stockers and feeders and 15 per cents cows Slaughter steers graded mostly high Good to Prime Bulk Choice an dPrime steers 950-1300 lbs, $25 25-29 00 with most sales made on Monday Several lots and loads av-

erage to high prime $29 50-29 75 including some 926 lb weights at $29 50. Load 1210 lb prime steers $30 75 Most good grade steers $21 00-24 75, including a few loads grass steers $21 00-22 00. Some standard steers $18 00-21 00 Good and choice heifers $20 00-24 00, standard grades $17 00-19 00 Late sales utility and commercial cows $11 00-13 50; canners and cutters $8 50-11 50 Utility and Commercial bulls $15 00-17 50, good fed bulls $18 00-20 50, cutters down to $13 00. Numerous lots and loads medium and good 425-750 lb stock steer calves and yearlings $17 00-20 50, a few good early to $21.50, part load choice 607 lb stock steer calves $23 00 Common stockers $13 50-16 50 Most medium and eral loads and lots good grades Monday $20.50-21.50, a few good to low choice $22 00-22 50. Some common and medium feeders $14 00-17 50. Poor midweek clearance on stockers and feeders

CALVES Three days 918, week ago 771 Vealers mostly steady with last Wednesday Bulk good and choice $20 00-23.-50; high choice and prime $24.-00-27 00 a few Monday to $28 00. Utility and commercial $15 00 19.00.

HOGS Three days 1,741, including around 200 head pig club offerings, week ago 1,537 Barrows and gilts mostly 50 cents lower, sows fully steady Bulk barrows and gilts U S mixed 1-3, 200-240 lbs in Wednesday's trade $18 00-18 50 some around 270 lbs down to $17 25, and weights 160-180 lbs $16 50-18 00 Sows, all weights, $12 50-15 00.

SHEEP Three days, 559, week ago, 278 Slaughter lambs mostly steady with last Wednesday Bulk good and choice native lambs 70-90 lbs $18 00-23 50, prime grades absent Utility and low good grades $15 00-17 50, culs down to $12 00

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Top Hogs $60 Per Hundred In Junior Show

Robert Graybill, Manheim youth, Wednesday afternoon saw his trim, tidy, grand champion Chester White sell at $60 cwt in the Lancaster-Lebanon Counties 4-H Pig Club Roundup at Lancaster Stock Yards Buyer of the 180-pound animal was Kunzler Packing Co

Kenneth Book, R7 Lancaster, scored $30 cwt on his reserve champion, selling to R B. Hippey Other prices ranged from $21 cwt down

There were 227 entries, slightly under last year, and average weights of hogs, it was believed, figured lower than last year. The average Wednesday was 190.8 lbs.

Dwight Younkin, livestock specialist from Penn State, spoke and judged the classes, three in each breed

Winners of first place by breed were Berkshire, Glen Funk, R2 Annville; Chester White, Richard Hastings, Kirkwood, Hampshire, Ronald Book, R1 Annville Duroc-Jersey Walter Augsburger, R1 Reinholds, Poland China, Kenneth Book, R1 Lancaster, Spotted Poland China, John Zimmerman, R1 Reinholds.

Goldfus Hatcheries Move to New Holland At 225 West Main St.

Goldfus Hatcheries, Inc five-and-a-half-year-old Lititz chick producing firm, picks up its incubators Saturday, Sept 1, and moves into new quarters at 225 West Main street in New Holland.

The move, according to hatchery manager and president Paul Metzler, was necessitated by expanded demand on broiler and layer chick hatching facilities. Recently, the hatchery expanded its chick lines to include Ames-In-Cross layer and White Vantress Cross broiler breeds The hatchery also hatches Meatpacker Cross broilers and Goldfus Strain Cross Leghorn breeds Broiler and layer chicks form Goldfus go throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland, and as far as Jordon in the Middle East and Puerto Rico.

The new New Holland Main Street headquarters, according to Mr Metzler, will also make the hatchery more accessible to poultrymen on business in town Mr. Metzler and William ("Bill") Anderson, new head hatcheryman say they'll have the welcome mat out for any and all visitors to the new headquarters.

Dr. Joseph B. Maier, sociologist "Superstitions persist because they supply certain satisfactions, restore hope and confidence where there was none before."

Lotwaerrick Queen

Miss Dorothy Freeman, crowned Thursday night as Pennsylvania Lotwaerrick Queen, here pilots an International Harvester Cub through the Parade of Progress at the IH Field Day Tuesday Miss Freeman, 26, teaches the first four grades at the Smoketown School Lotwaerrick? That's Apple Butter (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo)

Broilers Firm at 20-Cent Mark; Top Thursday 20.75, Paid Sparingly

Lancaster Poultry Exchange, (Rohrerstown, Pa) (Sales Report, Sale 173, Thursday, Aug. 23, 1956) — Broiler prices held steady in the Thursday auction of 39 lots with 62,105 birds listed, offered and sold at the Lancaster Poultry Exchange in a range of 19 to 20¼ cents, averaging 20.15. Thirty-one lots, 57,-750 broilers, brought this price. Also sold were four lots, 2,550 Leghorn fowl at 16 to 16¼ cents, two lots, 1525 heavy fowl from 17 to 17¼, one lot, 200 capettes, at 25½, and one lot of 80 heavy pullets at 30¼ cents.

Here are Thursday sales by lot number (each preceded by 23-), seller, with grower indicated in parentheses, amount and breed, age by weeks and days, buyer and price

1, Millport Roller Mills (R. Eugene Hummer), 1200 White Cornish Cross, 10 wks, to College Hill Poultry, 19½; 2, Ken-

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Leary Prange Herd Leader In July DHIA

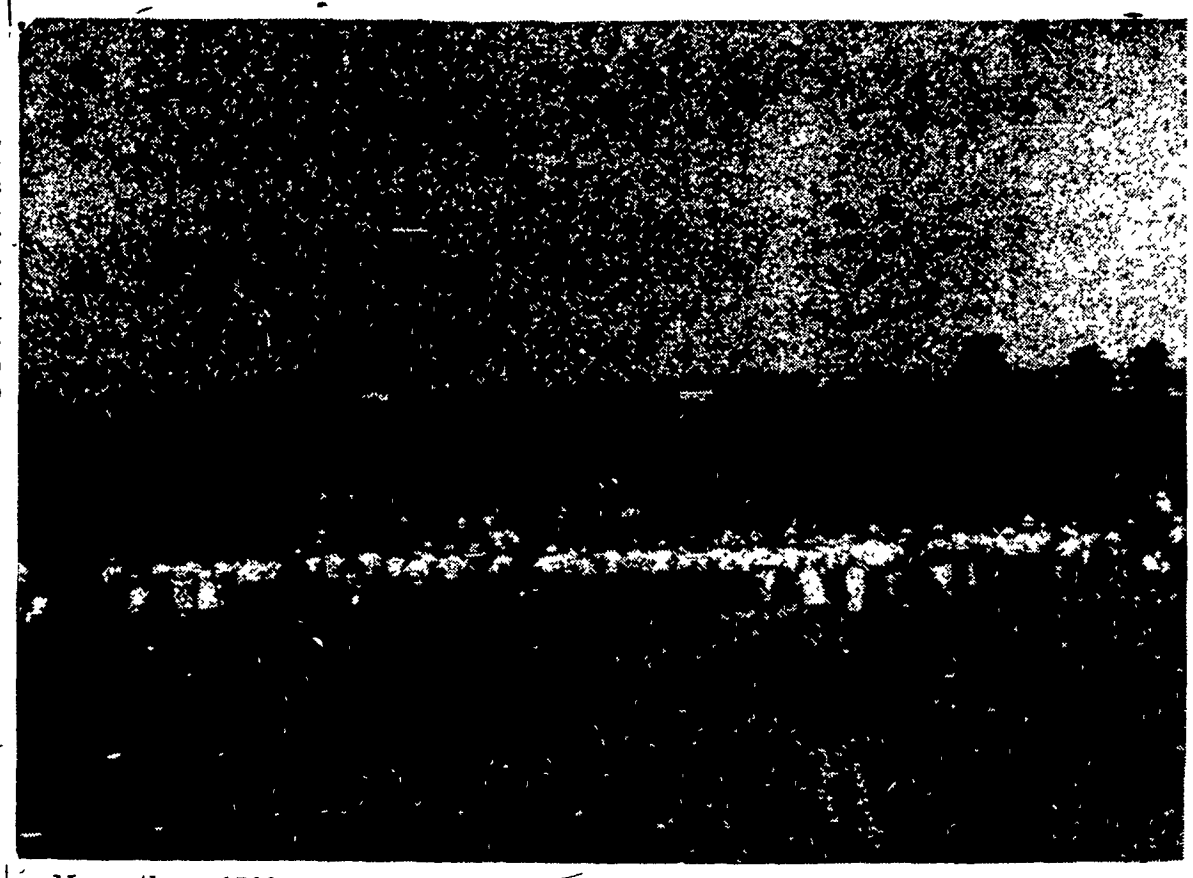
The Progressive Dairy Herd Improvement Association Reports that there were 2,901 cows in the 96 herds of the Association There were six herds over 35 lbs of butterfat, with the leading herd belonging to Leary Prange and consisting of 35 head of Holsteins and Guernsey cows.

Leary Prange	1154	41.9
T Barnard Walter	837	39.0
Earl Umble	1064	38.5
Henry Landis	843	37.1
Everett Cowan	932	36.9
Harry Hostetter	1008	35.6

There were 19 cows over 70 lbs of butterfat, wth the leading cow belonging to Leary Prange This cow, a 7-year-old Registered Holstein, produced 2,285 lbs of milk and 89 1 lbs of butterfat with a 3 9% test

On Sept 1, a fifth tester will be started in this area doing Owner Sampler Testing To date there are several openings for herds Further information may be obtained by contracting any officer or tester of the association

IHC Field Day Crowd



More than 1500 persons gathered on the John Landis Farm Tuesday for the Big IH Field Day sponsored by 12 IH Dealers from Lancaster and Western Berks County. Here is a view of the crowd, watching the Parade of Progress, and units — there were 14 operating — at work in the field of the R3 Lancaster farm (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo)

Old-Time Threshing Days Live Again On A. R. Herr Farm, Colerain Twp.

By LF Staff Reporter

Powered by a Peerless steam engine, an old-time threshing demonstration was held recently on the Abram R Herr farm in Lancaster County's Colerain Township.

Threshing took place just opposite Hope School, and power was supplied by a 50-horsepower Peerless steam engine of 1925 vintage. The steam engine, owned by Mr. Herr, was operated by Elmer E. Adams of Mechanics Grove, and his nephew, Horace Adams of Providence, Md.

Lined up in the same field — to show how harvesting methods have changed — were four self-propelled combines and three pull-type units

Mr. Herr started steam threshing at an early age, and when just a boy ran his father's engine, delighting in firing the engine, especially in the cool days of fall. The smell of smoke still lingers in his memory.

At the age of 18, Mr. Herr started branching out on his own, running a thresher on "the halves" with Harold Swisher, and at 20 bought his own gasoline-powered threshing outfit. He gradually increased the number of units he ran until he had seven in operation.

Then came the "combine," and the switchover to the method of threshing preferred by many farmers. Back-breaking duties were eliminated for the most part.

Today he still personally prefers the old-time method, which, he believes produces a cleaner job and better grade of wheat and he uses the old-timers whenever he can on the four farms he operates

Still the memory of smoke and steam lingers.

Reading Fair Opens Sept. 1, Deadlines Set

READING, Pa. — The Reading Fair opens soon, and the usual press of eleventh hour details confront fair prexy John S. Giles and his associates.

Of paramount importance this week are closing dates for entries in two important fair contests: The Miss Reading Fair beauty contest which has its entry deadline Saturday (Sept. 1), and a new "Farm Maid Contest" in which entries close Friday (Aug. 31).

Another important date on the pre-fair calendar is next Tuesday (Sept. 4). On that day, the grandstand reserved seat ticket sale opens at the fair's downtown ticket office, located at 117 S. 5th St., Reading. Reserved seat tickets for all performances of the fair will be available there.

The fair, one of Pennsylvania's largest, operates Sunday, Sept. 9 through 16, eight days and seven nights.

EGGS

PHILADELPHIA Aug 29 — (USDA) firm Prices advanced on most grades Advance buying increased for week-end holiday requirements Supplies of large top quality were barely sufficient but medium were liberally available.

Wholesale selling prices minimum 10 per cent AA quality. Large 45-48 lb white 50-51, brown 49-50, medium white 32-33, brown 31-32 Extras, min 60 per cent A qual. Large 45-50 lb. white 40-41, mixed 38-39, medium white 31-32, mixed 30-32, mixed 30-31 Standards 31-32, Checks 26-27

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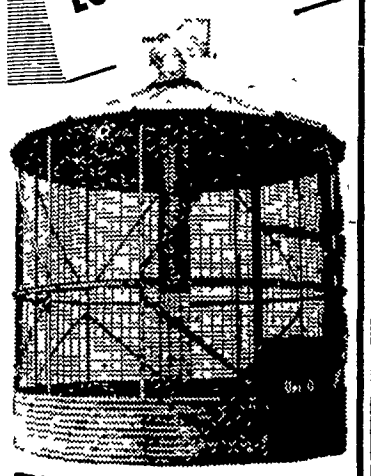

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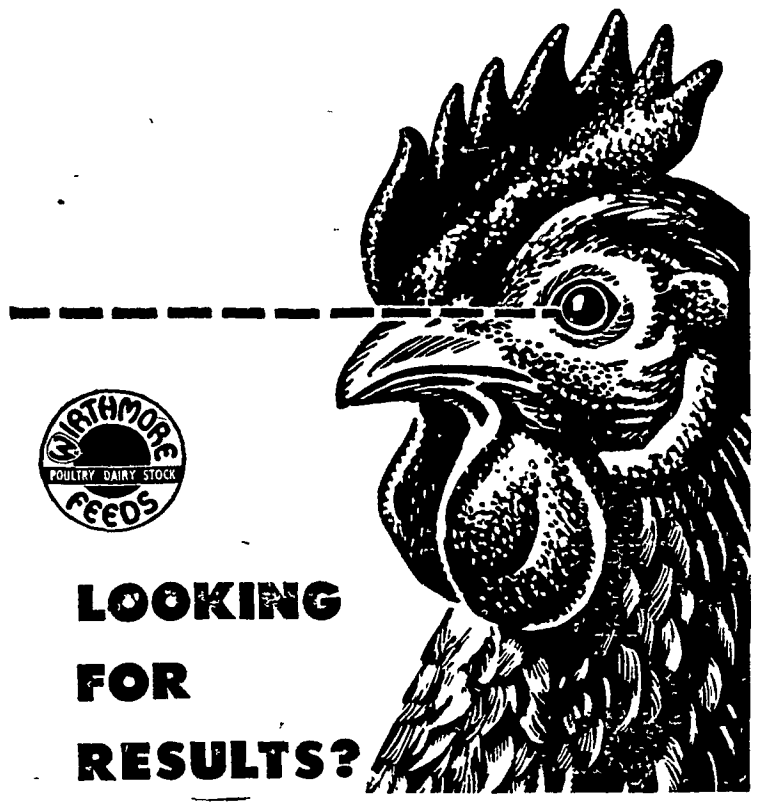

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Mr. Benson Speaks Up

Although Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has been on the receiving end of many an unkind word about farm policies, he chose Southeastern Pennsylvania to speak up. He chose somewhat alien territory, and reaction to his appearance was mixed. Applause was not over-enthusiastic among the 5000 in Hershey Stadium, but when he drove home a point, the audience responded.

Politically, the Hershey appearance was important. This was the Secretary's first appearance since the Republican and Democratic party conventions, where the farm program was a primary issue. But the Secretary is not a politician He said,

"Farm people . . . have problems — serious ones. These problems have been brought on in large part by political maneuvering — by unwise government policies. They will not be solved by more political maneuvering. They will be solved only by facing facts — by sound thinking, and sound action."

Just as inheritance and the laws of Mendel apply so deeply to agriculture, Mr. Benson inherited in his office a system where farmers have been hamstrung by controls. When asked by **Lancaster Farming** if the United States farmer could ever hope to return to a free status, the Secretary said,

"Most agricultural progress has been made in the 50 to 75 years farmers have been free to make their own decisions. We must move toward a greater freedom for farmers."

In a note inserted — not included in his prepared speech — the Secretary said, "It is our purpose to keep the agricultural economy fluid, to keep this God-given (agricultural) right of freedom of choice; we don't want to freeze agriculture in uneconomic patterns.

"I have stated my views on what must be done to work our way out of the difficulties of agriculture. These views have not changed because of a coming election, because of political pressure," he added. Later he told, "We will not resort to nostrums and panaceas for political pressures."

War-time controls wrapped the farmer so tightly they couldn't be dropped at war's end, and, as he told the Hershey audience, "we didn't have the political courage to make the change when the war ended"

Mr. Benson's status is best summarized in a statement inserted at mid-point of his address: "Our objective is markets; a government warehouse is not a market. I will not support any program which is not to the best interests of the farmers — regardless of political pressures."

"The record is now clear — rigid price-fixing shrinks markets," he stated, and, "We have proven you cannot control production — all you do (under government decrees) is chase acres around."

His Soil-Bank is an emergency program, temporary, voluntary, one that is meeting little response in this section, where, as even the Secretary admits, it cannot be applied properly, but farmers in this area should benefit from increased prices for their farm commodities.

Mr. Benson is sincere. He speaks freely, openly, without assistance from aides at hand. He seeks a sound and expanding farm prosperity, on "programs founded neither on the quicksand of war nor the entanglements of bureaucracy."

Choosing between a man and his programs is difficult. Few can say the Secretary shies away from the issues and arguments at hand.

Hormones for Turkeys

Diethylstilbestrol hormone pellets are producing large type turkeys into good broilers at the University of Wisconsin. One pellet is said to make large type turkeys even fatter than some small type turkeys which have not been treated. Large type birds reach broiler weight about 20 days earlier.

Approved by the Pure Food and Drug Administration for use in poultry, "stilbestrol" as it is better known, may open a new field in the poultry industry.

50 Years Ago

This Week on Lancaster Farms

50 YEARS AGO (1906)

By JACK REICHARD

ROOSTER ATACKS BABY

Grace Welde, twenty-two months daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Welde, Wilmington, Delaware, was attacked by a vicious rooster while at play near the house, when the fowl swooped down upon her and stuck a spur deep into her head The screams of the child brought aid and the rooster was driven away. For a time it was feared the little girl had been fatally injured.

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On the Lancaster farm of Lory Logan, near Collins, a dog killed thirty-four chickens. Logan immediately went for his shotgun and killed the animal. He stated the owner could come and get his dead dog if he wanted it.

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Thieves entered the smokehouse and icehouse on the farm of T. C. Gregg, near Chestnut Level, carrying off all the meat Several fine hams and a lot of fresh meat on ice in the icehouse were stolen. Detectives were investigating.

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ELECTRICITY USED IN GROWING POTATOES

Potato growers in general, were interested in experiments made in Massachusetts where electricity was being tried as an aid to the growth of plant life, fifty years ago Electric currents were passed through the soil by means of wires attached to batteries buried in the field. The experiment was declared a success, and the potatoes were found to be larger and of superior quality.

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A poultry expert declared that "inbreeding is just as disastrous in the case of poultry as in the human species"

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FY TRAP, 1906 MODEL

A Pennsylvania farmwife told how she got rid of flies by filling a glass jar about half full of strong soap and water solution and covering it with a soft crust of bread that was moistened with a little milk. She stated.

"Make a small hole in the center of the bread and press tightly over the top of the jar after the addition of a little sugar to attract the flies. Place this outside of the door where the flies gather and the results will be surprising"

* * *

An Iowa woman had made her village famous by advertising a certain day each summer as Chick Day, when she exhibited thousands of chicks newly hatched in incubators of her own invention Thousands of people assembled each year to witness her annual hatch.

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From the Lancaster orchard of George Graham, Sr., Paradise Township, nearly 1,000 baskets of peaches were sold in the 1906 season.

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Harry Benninger, 22, of near Easton, Pa., an alleged potato thief, was killed and his companion, Benjamin Charwock, 25, of Allentown, was peppered with bird-shot, when the pair invaded the farm of Thomas Graver, Moore Township.

The shooting was, it was charged, by Graver's son and two hired men, who were on guard against potato thieves, who, for several nights in a row, had robbed the farm of large quantities of tubers.

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CHINA BUYS U.S. WHEAT

Twenty five years ago this week, President Herbert Hoover announced the completion of negotiations for selling 15,000,000 bushels of wheat to China. The grain was to be used to feed the hungry in the flooded regions along the Yangtze River.

Carl Williams, Farm Board member, said a minimum of 50 per cent of the wheat would go as flour.

The Chinese Government, he said, agreed to pay equal installments on the wheat in 1934, 1935 and 1936. The price was subject to market quotations at the time of shipment with interest at four per cent.

FARMERS HEAR GOVERNOR PINCHOT

In a speech before the Missouri Farmers' Association at Sedalia, Mo, Pennsylvania's Governor Pinchot, told the assembly:

"For generations the farmer has been the orphan child of American politics I am taking him into the family.

"For generations, the government of the United States believed that the only thing it needed to do for the farmer was to help him grow more crops What he got for his crops when grown, and what kind of a life he and his family led on the farm — with these things the Government held it had no concern."

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On the Lancaster farm of Harrison Sollenberger, near White Horse, a large barn was struck by lightning, and burned with all the season's crops except tobacco. Sollenberger, who was standing near the building when the lightning struck, was stunned. He recovered a few moments later, and he hurriedly released the livestock quartered in the barn.

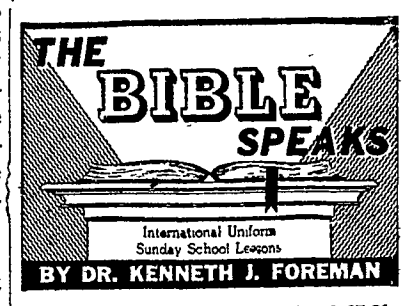
One calf and a newly purchased hunting dog were forgotten in the confusion and perished in the flames.

Firemen of the Salisbury Fire Company were called but the fire had too great a headway so they turned their attention to saving the farm house and other buildings.

25 Years Ago

Lancaster Farm women Society No. 11, entertained the members' families at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Bucher, Mechanic Grove, 25 years ago this week.

According to E. B. Fitts, in charge of dairy extension work at Pennsylvania State College, Pennsylvania ranked fifth among the states in the number of dairy improvement associations, in 1931. Of the 1,112 associations reported by the Bureau of Dairy Industry, 88 were in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin led with 131, Iowa, second with 100, and Minnesota, third with 96.



Background Scripture: Luke 6:27-31; 10 30-37, James 2
Devotional Reading: I Corinthians 13.

Royal Law

Lesson for September 2, 1956

"LOVE your neighbor" is called the "Royal Law" once in the Bible It becomes and is the royal law only when all of it is meant: Love your neighbor **as yourself.** Everybody loves his neighbor a tiny bit. At least you don't want to see his house burn down, and if you heard that his children had been eaten by an alligator, you would have (it is hoped) some tinge of regret. But loving your neighbor as yourself — ah, that is something quite a lot harder to do.

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But the Royal Law demands that we love our neighbor, any neighbor, all neighbors. This is a Royal Law, as James called it, because it is the law by which the King of the Universe operates To be sure, we cannot say that God has "neighbors" just as we have; but when God was here on earth, focused (you might say) in one person, this Son of God, truly royal if ever a man was, lived by the Royal Law.

No Exceptions!

James writes that keeping the law means keeping all of it. To fail in one point means failing, period. We can apply this to the Royal Law. If we are (as Jesus called us) sons and daughters of the Most High, then we are under a kind of regal obligation to live as befits our high privileges. The more truly we live as children of God, the less we can afford to make exceptions, on our own, to the royal law of love. But most of us do make exceptions. Jesus knew what they are; so did James. Jesus mentions people who love those who love them in return We all know the type—maybe we **are** the type!—the person who treats his friends like princes and other people like dirt; the fam[illegible] who are very warm-heart[illegible] voted to one another bu[illegible] minister has a very hard time enlisting in any project for community betterment; the college student who is a very loyal fraternity brother but who hardly knows, and doesn't care to know, the student without money to spend. Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan showed up two men who made exceptions to the Royal Law. The priest must have loved his neighbor priests; but the beaten stranger was no priest, so this priest didn't bother with him. The Levite must have had friends; he belonged to a class of professional philanthropists. But samaritans were not on the Levite's list of Worthy Causes. So he wasn't bothered. As for the Samaritan, there was every reason to cross off that battered stranger by the roadside. By every Samaritan standard, he didn't "belong." But the Samaritan kept the Royal Law without making exceptions.

For Whom Do We Pray

One way the reader can test how well he himself keeps this Royal Law, is to reflect on his own prayers. We get around to more people in prayer than in actual visits. It is true that on a given day we probably don't pray definitely for every sort and condition of men; but the question which really probes us is not, "Do you pray for every one," but, "Are there any kinds of people for whom you would not pray?" If you are a democrat, do you ever pray for a republican? If you are a white person, do you ever pray for negroes? If you are Protestant, do you pray for Roman Catholics? For the Pope? If you are an American, do you pray for Russians? For Chinese? If you are a business man, do you pray for your competitors? As a law abiding citizen, do you ever pray for the men and women in the state penitentiary? You see how it is. The Royal Law is the hardest law there is.

With Whom Do You Pray

James draws a sarcastic little picture of some church ushers he had very likely seen,—polishing the apple of the well-dressed visitor to their church, and shoving the poor man around so that he would be almost sure never to come back. How is it in your church? You may have hanging on the wall somewhere a copy of the Royal Law; but does the church itself keep it? Are there people, Negroes perhaps, who if they risked showing themselves at your church, and wanted to worship with you, ould be shoved into a corner or rhaps refused admission entir[illegible]

Does your church set the exple for its members, the exam- of love without exceptions?

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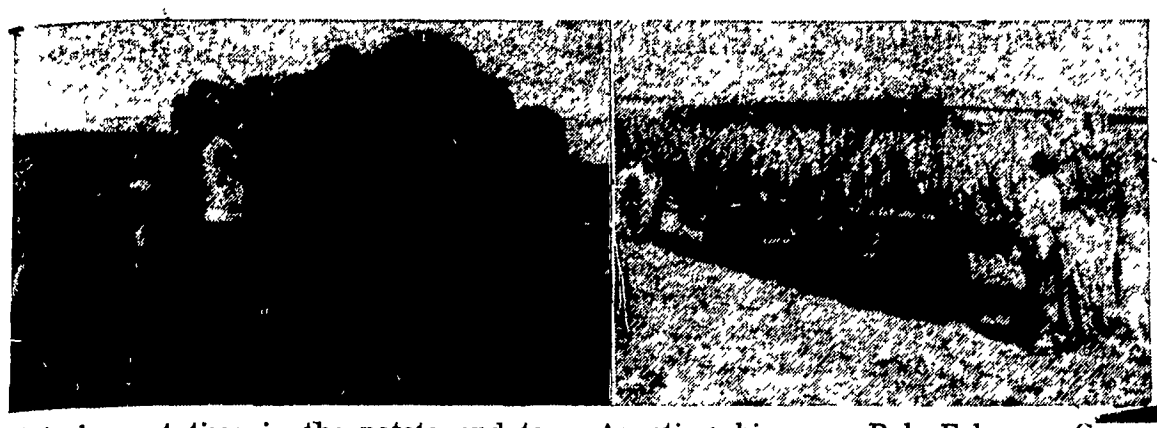

It's harvest time in the potato and tobacco fields, and in the peach orchards of Lancaster County. On the left, the Henry Nissley farm on R2 Holtwood has started potato harvest, with yields much larger in size and quantity than for some time. He has 38 acres under cultivation. Assisting him are Bob Eckman, Curvin and Ken Bowers. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Winters are shown on the right harvesting their two-acre crop of tobacco at Rawlinsville, with young son Thomas lending a hand gathering the green leaf. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photos).

Mrs. Frances C. Sayers, former librarian: "Only 17 per cent of the people in this country read books after they leave school, whereas in England, Australia and Canada, it's 55 per cent and in Norway, Denmark and Sweden it's even greater."

Spring Mill Farm Ayrshires Cited

Two purebred Ayrshire cows in the herd of Spring Mill Farm, Malvern, have been given the high rating of Approved, according to the Ayrshire Breedrs' Association Executive Secretary, Chester C. Putney of Brandon, Vermont.

The Ayrshire Approved rating has been given to these cows in recognition of the producing ability of themselves and at least two of their offspring.

The Approved Ayrshire Dam Plan, that was adopted by the Ayrshire Breeders' Association in 1942, has aided in the identification of the most successful 'brood' cows in the Ayrshire breed.

Lancaster Broilers

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neth Bushong, 250 Meatpackers, 10-6, to Marvin Sweigart, 20¼; 3, Robert Neff, 600 White Mountains, 9-6, to Roy E. Ream, 19¼; 4, Warren Witmer, 300 White Vantress, 11-5, John E Rettiner, 19¼; 5, Miller & Bushong (Abram N Miller), 3400 White Vantress, 9-6, to S. E Davis, 20;

6, Glenn H. Herr, 1400 Indian River cockerels, 11-2, to Tilley's Poultry, 20, 7, Glenn H. Herr, 1600 Indian River pullets, 11-2, to Tilley's Poultry, 20, 8, Claude F. Smith, 200 White Vantress capettes, 14 wks, to Walter C. Mellinger, 25½; 9, O. Kenneth McCracken (Wilmer Nissley), 1000 White Mountains, 9-6, to Meader's Poultry, 20, 10, Miller & Bushong (Elmer Beiler), 2500 White Vantress, 10 wks, to Producers Cooperative Exchange, 20½;

11, Miller & Bushong (William Selcher), 2600 White Vantress, 9 wks, to Meader's Poultry, 20; 12, Millport Roller Mills (George Warfel), 1400 White Cornish Cross, 9-6, to College Hill Poultry, 19½, 13, Elmer Leaman, 4000 White Vantress, 9-1, to C. F. Manbeck, Inc., 20¼, 14, Elmer Leaman, 1300 White Vantress, 9-1, to Walter C. Mellinger, 20; 15, Elmer Leaman, 2400 Red Vantress, 9-1, to H. W. Longacre, 20¼;

16, Charles Nissley, 2000 White Vantress, 9 wks, to Mandata Poultry, 20; 17, Miller & Bushong (Richard Blessing), 3000 White Vantress, 9 wks, to C. F. Manbeck, Inc., 20¼, 18, Miller & Bushong (Mrs. Grace Fisher), 2800 Meatpackers, 9 wks, to College Hill Poultry, 19¾; 19, Lewis Mortenson, 500 Leghorn cross fowls, 10 months, to Marvin Sweigart, 16; 30 Thomas Stoltzfoos, 80 White American pullets, 20-2, to Roy E. Ream, 30¾; 21, Mrs. Jacob Cramer, 650 Indian Rivers, 11 wks, to Daniel K. Good, 20¼;

22, **Mrs. Ross England**, 325 White Rock fowls, 24-6, to Marvin Sweigart, 17; 23, Indian River Poultry Farms (Harvey Eberly), 2000 Indian Rivers, 10-3, to H. W. Longacre, 20; 24, Indian River Poultry Farm (Elmer Boyd), 2000 Indian River pullets, 10 wks, to Tilley's Poultry, 19¼; 25, James Mohan, 2000 White Vantress, 10-5, to College Hill Poultry, 19¾; 26, Eli Wolgemuth (M. Musser), 600 White Rock cross, 8-3, to College Hill Poultry, 19; 27, Simeon S. Kauffman, 1800 White Vantress, 9-2, to Victor F. Weaver, Inc., 19¼;

28, Simeon S. Kauffman, 800 Red Vantress, 9-1, to Roy E Ream, 20¼, 29, Luke Nissley, 600 White Vantress cross, 9 wks, to Roy E. Ream, 20; 30, Miller & Bushong (Paul Ranck), 6000 White Vantress, 9-2, to Mandata Poultry, 20; 31, Miller & Bushong (Arthur Powl), 6500 Indian Rivers, 9-2, to Victor F. Weaver, Inc., 20; 32, Dr. Paul S. Schantz, 1200 New Hampshire yearlings, to Marvin Sweigart, 17¾; 33, Aaron S. Fisher, 1000 White Vantress, 9-1, to Roy E. Ream, 19¾; 34, Tobias C. Stehman, 300 White Vantress, 11-2, to Carl B. Risser, 20¼;

35, David H. Martin M S., 850 White Vantress, 9-5, to Roy E. Ream, 19; 36, J. C. & Jay Garber, 850 Leghorn fowl yearlings, to J. Robert Charles, 16¼; 37, Aaron Brubaker, 600 Leghorn fowl yearlings, to Walter B. Lehman, 16¼; 38, Eli Wolgemuth (Eugene K. Metzler), 900 White Vantress, 9-2 to Meader's Poultry, 19¼; 39, Wenger's (Paris Ober), 600 Leghorn fowl yearlings, to Walter B. Lehman, 16¼.

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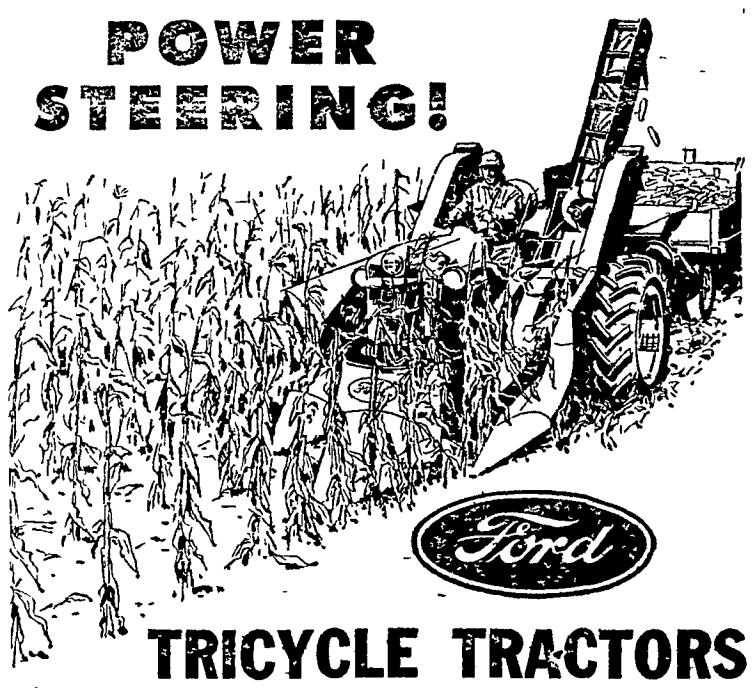

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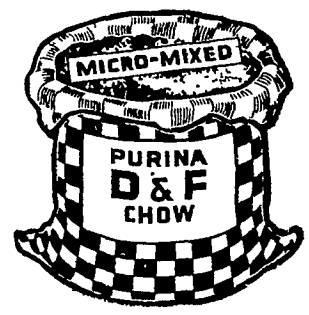

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The "400" Attracts, Too

Just as the steam engine holds its thrills for the young man, so does the tractor of today. Here Dick Gochnauer, 11-years last Monday, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gochnauer of Quarryville, tries his hand at the wheel of an IHC 400 during the International Harvester Field Day. Dick is a sixth grader, a nephew of J. Rankin Wiley. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Pull That Whistle Cord!

Every youngster has an urge to become a steam engineer, but today the opportunity is limited. Here one — under the watchful eyes of his uncle — pulls the steam whistle cord on an old-timer at the Abram R. Herr Farm in Colerain Township. Young engineer is Frank Adams, 13, Providence, Md., nephew of Elmer E. Adams, R2 Quarryville. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Soil Bank Can Assist County

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that will benfit all farmers by bolstering prices generally. Over 12 million acres have been taken out of production, and more than one and one-half million farms have signed Soil Bank contracts.

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"My idea seeks a prosperous, expanding, free agriculture. Prices are not made in Washington, they are made in the market places.

Two things are needed to benefit farmers, research and education. "I wish we could have spent half the money we've spent for price supports for research," Mr. Benson told, "but a further increase in funds for agricultural research in 1957 has been alloted. We are seeking new uses, new crops.

"One of the primary things being sought now is a powdered milk that can be handled without refrigeration, it has been done in powdered citrus, and it has been done just recently with powdered tomatoes — all you do is add water for tomato juice," he told.

"The farm plank of the Republican convention," Mr Benson told the assembled news men, "has my wholehearted endorsement. I could ask for nothing better It was a good convention, the first I've attended in full. The convention was on a rather high, constructive level. I hope the campaign will be too

"Just Wednesday I spoke to 4,000 farmers in Stockton, Calif. I want the whole farm program discussed very frankly," he said.

"The dairy industry is doing a great job, and we're trying to help out," the Secretary answered another query, "Consumption of dairy products was on the decrease when I went in, there was a billion pounds of dairy products in government warehouses, some of it priced out of the market.

"There are no insurmountable problems in agriculture. It takes sound economics, common sense," Mr. Benson added.

"For example, in eight years wheat eats itself up in storage costs The whole purpose of production is consumption," he told.

Surpluses have been reduced, and prices are responding favorably in the farm market.

Accompanying Mr. Benson at the conference was his assistant Robert D. McMillen.

Freedom is not always the right to do and say what you please

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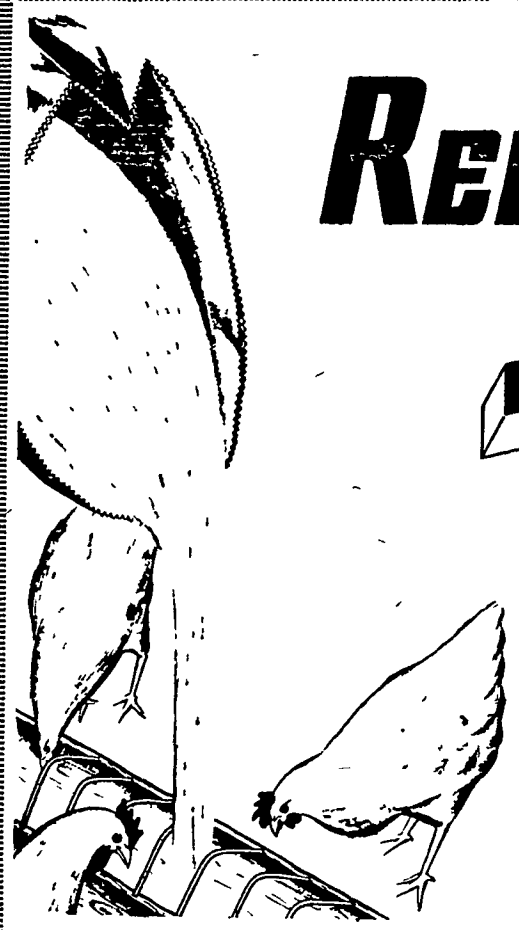

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Deep in the Secretary of Agriculture's brief case, Mrs. Ezra Taft Benson filed away a half of Hershey barbecued chicken, produced here for benefit of photographers, while Miles Horst, former Pennsylvania state secretary of agriculture and now an assistant to Mr Benson, looks on with full approval. The Bensons returned to Washington with many sides of chicken, gifts given after they voiced complete approval of the Pennsylvania style of cookery. There were barbecued sides for a picnic at the Benson home, and enough frozen and boxed to supply needs for several meals (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Martins of Stevens Purchase Ayrshire

James W Martin, Stevens, recently made an initial purchase of one registered Ayrshire, according to the Ayrshire Breeders' Association Executive Secretary, Chester C Putney, of Brandon, Vt.

The transaction was recorded in the National Office of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association in Brandon where complete records on all registered Ayrshires in the United States have been maintained since 1875.

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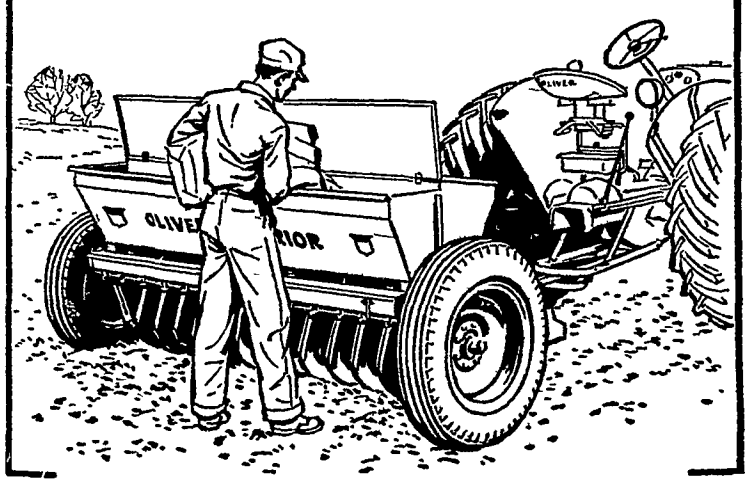

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Rainy Season Is Handicap; Crops Superb

HARRISBURG — Farmers in central counties of the western half of Pennsylvania have reason to call this the "rainy season," acording to 20 weeks' cumulative rainfall reports announced today by the State Department of Agriculture.

Delayed harvests of small grains, spoiled hay, inability to cultivate and spray due to excessive rains and wet grounds are some of the many handicaps met by farmers this season in all parts of the State, the Department said.

But the area in a mid-state band from Centre County to the western Pennsylvania border has had more rain than any other section of the State since the growing season started in early April, according to the Federal-State weather and crop survey for the week ended this Monday.

Weather Bureau reports show that Brookville in Jefferson County leads the State with 26 27 inches of rain in 20 weeks Blairsville, Indiana County, is next with 25 95 inches for the 1956 season, followed by State College, Centre County with 21.85 inches In an average year Pennsylvania has about 42 inches of precipitation.

Recorded rainfall since April 10 in other areas include

Pittsburgh, 19 85 inches; Erie, 17 24, Altoona, 17 93, Wellsboro, 14.11, Williamsport, 14 67, Selinsgrove, 19 21, **Safe Harbor in southern Lancaster County, 14.87**; Reading, 17 06, Montrose, 15 82, Allentown, 1830

Scranton had the least rain, 12.98 inches; Harrisburg next with 13 43 and Philadelphia, 13 87 inches in 20 weeks

While corn is in excellent condition in southeastern counties it is slow in western areas where several weeks of warm weather is needed for the crop to mature, the Department said. In northern counties some harvesting of oats and wheat was still underway during the past week. In the same area some potato fields show blight and rotting of tubers, but seeding of alfalfa has started in the southeast.

Harvest of Hale peaches and early apples continues Processing tomatoes are moving to canneries in volume but fields are slow to ripen. Fresh vegetables are in the market in plentiful supply. Temperatures were below normal but weather was generally favorable for farming activities during the week Temperatures this week will continue above normal with scattered showers.

Sales Dates

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1—Daniel S. Stauffer, Martindale, real estate, house hold goods.

Sept. 1 — Walter S. and Louise Jamison, 415 South 5th Street, Oxford, real estate and personal property, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 1 — Moses M. Martin, just west of Route 73 midway between Route 23 and Troup's Mill, East Earl Twp., real estate, 2 p.m.

Sept. 1 — Rev. Arthur H. Brubaker, ¼ mi. south of Chiques Church, Rapho Twp., real estate, 2 p m.

Sept. 4—59-Acre farm of late Minnie S. Koch, Warwick Twp, Elam E Koch, offered by on south side of road from Lexington to Brunnerville, 2:30 p m

Sept 6 — PGBA, Asso. Sales Pavilion, 6 miles east of Lancaster, Rt. 30, Guernseys, 12:30 p m.

Sept. 8—William and Paul Landis, executors Mrs. Annie B. Landis estate, on Red Run-Napierville Road, real estate, household goods

Sept. 8 — Ralph I Smith 6 miles east of Ephrata, 3 miles east of Reamstown along Route 222, modern dairy farm, 1 p m

Sept. 8 — Martin H. Groff, Earl L Groff, and Hershey L Groff, Executors, Kinzers, real estate and personal property, 1 p m.

Sept. 8 — Mrs S W. Ranck, opposite Leacock Fire Hall, personal property, 1 p m

Sept. 12 — Louis Trainman evening.

Sept. 12 — Samuel F Stoltzfus, Rt. 23, west end of Morgantown, Caernarvon Twp, real estate, two adjoining farms; also some woodland 2 p m.

Sept 13 — Clyde E Keener, 1½ miles north of Lancaster, Route 72 and 230 intersection, farm machinery, afternoon and

Tobacco Cutting Time

Samuel Oberholtzer, R3 Elizabethtown, is shown here spearing tobacco on his farm in the northwestern section of Lancaster County. With him is son James, 10, giving a hand, while helping behind his father is son Clair, 4. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

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A good cole slaw recipe.
Shred cabbage fine
Add salt to taste and mix well

DRESSING

Four tablespoons granulated sugar
Two tablespoons rich sour cream
mix well
Add
vinegar diluted with water to strength desired.

VARIATIONS

Crushed pineapple may be added or
Cubed pineapple and small or quartered marshmallows
Use as much crushed pineapple, cubed pineapple or marshmallows as desired.

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Mrs. Landis also says, "I saw the request for Molasses Cocoanut Pie in Lancaster Farming. It is a very delicious pie."

MOLASSES COCOANUT PIE

Three-fourths cup sugar
One cup molasses
One-half cup flour
Two eggs
One-half cup cocoanut
Pinch of soda in flour
Makes 2 medium pies

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Mrs C.J. Mellinger of Blue Ball says, "Have enjoyed many of fine recipes printed in your paper and look forward each week for its arrival. Am sending along few recipes you might care to use"

CRUNCHY TWO-CRUST LEMON PIE

Filling
One and one-fourth cups sugar
Two tablespoons flour
One-eighth teaspoon salt
One-fourth cup butter or margarine
Three eggs, well beaten, (Reserve one teaspoon egg white to brush on top crust)
One teaspoon lemon rind
One lemon, cut into paper-thin slices
One-half cup water
One and one-half tablespoon sugar
One-half teasoon cinnamon

Combine the one and one-fourth cup sugar, flour and salt, add soft butter and well beaten eggs, blend till smooth, combine lemon slices, rind and water Blend into egg mixture. Pour into pastry-lined pan. Brush top crust with one teaspoon egg white. Combine sugar and cinnamon, sprinkle over egg white

Bake at 400 degrees F 30 to 35 minutes.

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LEMON ICE-BOX PIE

Crush about twenty gingersnaps to make one and one-fourth cup crumbs. Melt one-fourth cup margarine. Add to crumbs, mix well. Press one cup crumbs into ice box tray.

Combine in top of double boiler:

Two thirds cup sugar
One-eighth teaspoon salt
Three egg yolks
One-fourth cup fresh lemon juice
One tablespoon grated lemon rind

Cook until thick Cool

Beat three egg whites until stiff. fold into filling. Beat one-half cup ice cold evaporated milk until it peaks, fold into filling. Pour into freezer tray, top with remaining crumbs. Freeze until firm (about two hours at coldest temperature). Serves six to eight.

DRIED PRUNE DESSERT

Soak prunes, then cook till soft, cool. Remove seeds Put small marshmallows in each prune Let stand over night when ready to serve, top prunes with whipped cream.

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COFFEE CHOCOLATE CAKE

Two cups sugar (white)
One cup shortening
Three-fourths cup cocoa

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Free To Women...

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Mrs. Edna Sands, Tunkhannock in Wyoming County, here receives her crown as winner of the Pennsylvania Cooking Chicken contest, with Mrs Ezra Taft Benson placing the crown. Winner of the junior division was a Lancaster County youth — the sole man among entrants — Elwood Boehler, Jr., of Lancaster. As a prize, Mrs Sands received a new electric range — presented in miniature Saturday night. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo)

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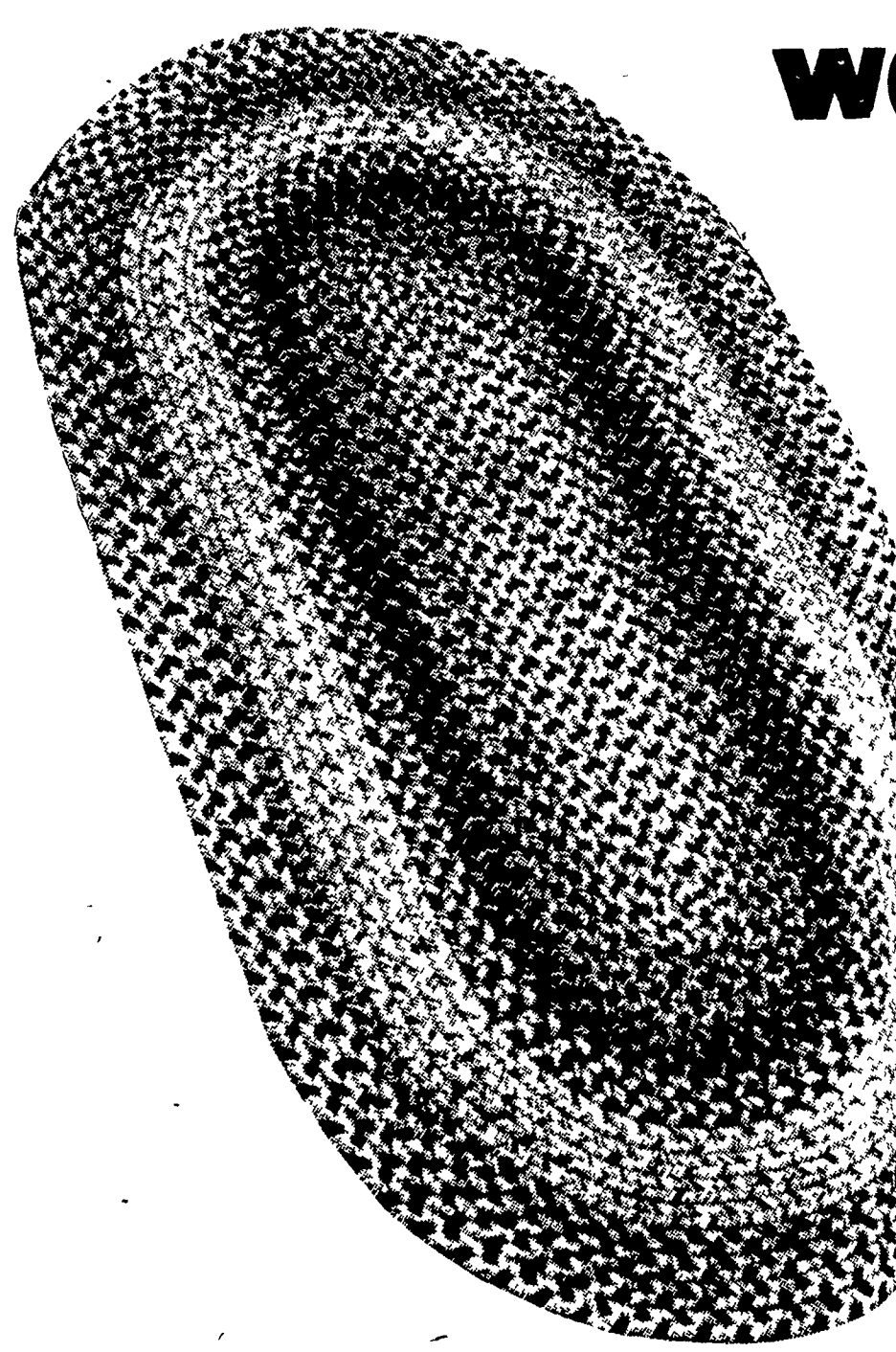

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Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Ezra Taft Benson here look over some of the thousands and thousands of chicken sides barbecued at the Poultry Festival during Pennsylvania Dutch Days in Hershey Cooking on a scale as this amazed the honored guests, and the flavor — they swore — was perfect. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

For Farm Women . . .

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Two eggs
One cup sour milk
Two teaspoons soda
One tablespoon baking powder
One teaspoon vanilla
Salt
Three cups flour
One cup boiling coffee
Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs, beat well Sift together flour, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder, salt. Add alternately with sour milk Add vanilla and lastly boiling coffee Bake in a twelve and one-half by nine single cake pan at 350 degrees F for 25 to 30 minutes.

Mrs. Walter H Dohner, R 3, Manheim, sends us the following recipe.

CANTELOPE COLD PACK

Boil together:
One cup sugar
One-half cup water
Four tablespoons vinegar
One-eighth teaspoon salt
Set aside to cool
Prepare cantelope cut in desired size. (I cube them,) Pack in jars, pour cooled syrup over them and boil only ten minutes Will taste like fresh when opened

She adds, "Thanks for your nice weekly paper."

Mrs. J. Harry Hershey, Route 2, Lititz, writes I'm sending you my recipe for Molasses Cocoanut Pie which took prizes in our local paper some years ago. Its an old time recipe given to me by my mother-in-law.

MOLASSES COCOANUT PIE

One cup granulated sugar
One cup table molasses
Two eggs — beat whites separate and put in last
One-half cup cocoanut
One and one-half cups sweet milk
One-half cup thick milk
Three-fourths teaspoon soda
One-half cup flour
Pour in unbaked pie shell and bake in moderate oven.

We really enjoy your paper. It's home news — its a part of us Lancaster County farmers. Good luck and success to you in the future she adds.

Want to thank you for your cards and letters, keep them coming. One of our readers writes that her letter hasn't appeared yet, although several others offering similar recipes have appeared. Have patience, we try to carry them all as time goes on, but at the same time, we try to offer a little variety.

Meanwhile, how about those household hints, hobbies, exchanges, whatever interests you. Let us know So until come Friday a week, that's all until we See you again.

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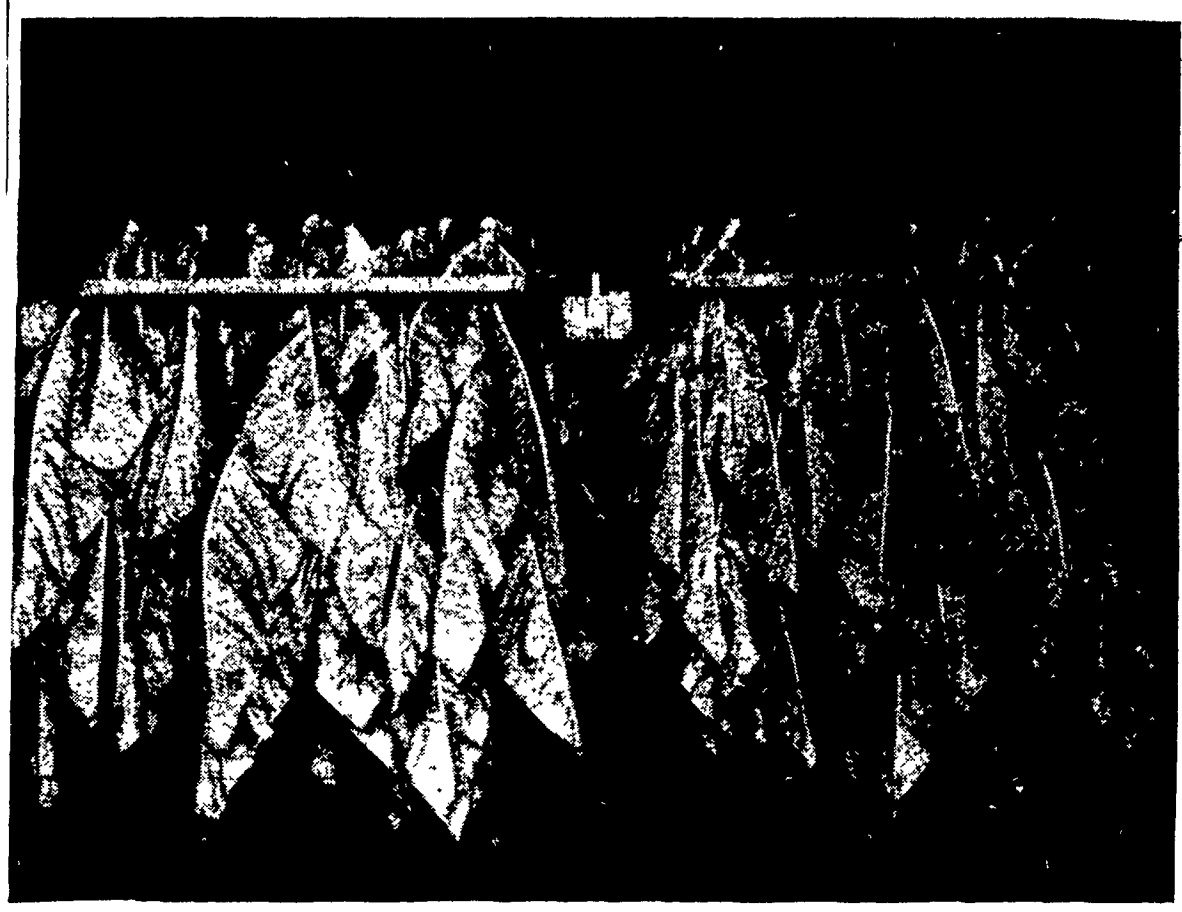
The 45-cow herd of Raymond F Witmer, Willow Street, has finished the 1955-56 testing year with an excellent average of 10,697 lbs milk and 534 lbs fat, highest fat average in the county for a herd of this size

As one would imagine, several of Mr. Witmer's cows made high individual records For instance, in the 305-day class, Barbian Golden Dolly produced 14,782 pounds fat, Zeitler's Prediction Drucilla, 13,088 and 645, and Barbian Fonetta, 13,266 and 634.

Witmer also had three cows in this year's county 3000-pound fat club They included Sue's Peerless Santa, with 107,151 pounds milk and 5177 pounds fat in 10 years, Meadow View's Agnes Gloria, 96,140 and 4572 in 9 years, and Meadow View's Red Blossom, 70,312 and 3237 in just over six years.

Tobacco Time



One of the busiest seasons of the year in Lancaster farming is at hand, as the heavy crop of tobacco moves from fields to sheds Here is a view of a truckload at the entrance to barns on the new state tobacco experimental farm near Landisville. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

American Agriculture Not Political Benson Advises Poultry Federation

(Editor's Note Published below is the address by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson before the Pennsylvania State Poultry Federation, at the 3rd Annual Poultry Festival in Hershey Saturday evening):

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Secretary

I am honored by your invitation to participate in this 3rd Annual Poultry Festival of the Pennsylvania State Poultry Federation It is appropriate and fitting that the Poultry Festival is held here in the Pennsylvania Dutch county, and on the occasion of the Pennsylvania Dutch Days.

Throughout the length and breadth of this great land, the sturdy folk who are our Pennsylvania Dutch, are known as "good farmers." The title is well-earned whether you are poultrymen, dairymen, or crop producers. And there is no higher title that one farmer can bestow upon another.

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of attending the 175th anniversary meeting of the New Jersey Agricultural Society Whether it is 3 years or 175 that an organization has been active, I find inspiration in the many organizations within agriculture that go on year after year — working — studying — building to make farming more efficient and farm life more satisfying

And whether an organization may be a few years or many, the farm people who are its members have their eyes to the future Of course, we look backward occasionally We want to see where we have been, so we may know where we are. But we want to know where we are so we may see more clearly where we are going What's ahead? This is the important question — along with what we can do about it, as organizations and as individuals, to make the future what we want it to be

It is this spirit — this unceasing quest for improvement — that explains the inventiveness and experimentation through which our farming has changed so rapidly It is this striving always to build something better that has made American agriculture so amazingly productive.

May I ask you to look back with me for a moment — back to changes that seem to me to explain why you now have a State Poultry Federation It is not far back — because in just one generation the poultry industry has changed from small flocks running loose in barn yards to its present status as one of the most scientifically advanced segments of agriculture

Many of us can remember when we hunted hens' nests in the straw stack or the hay loft And we remember too, when fresh eggs were a seasonal product — available only during the spring and summer

How times have changed!

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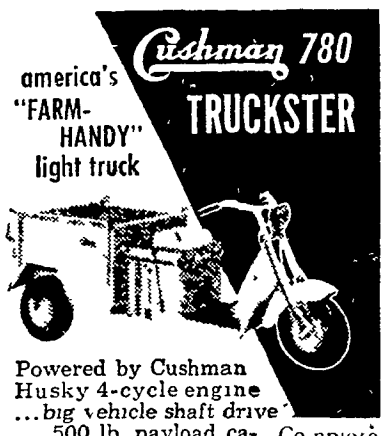

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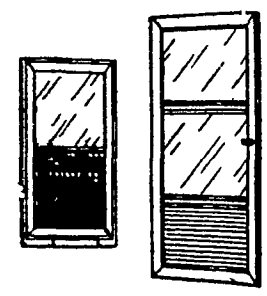

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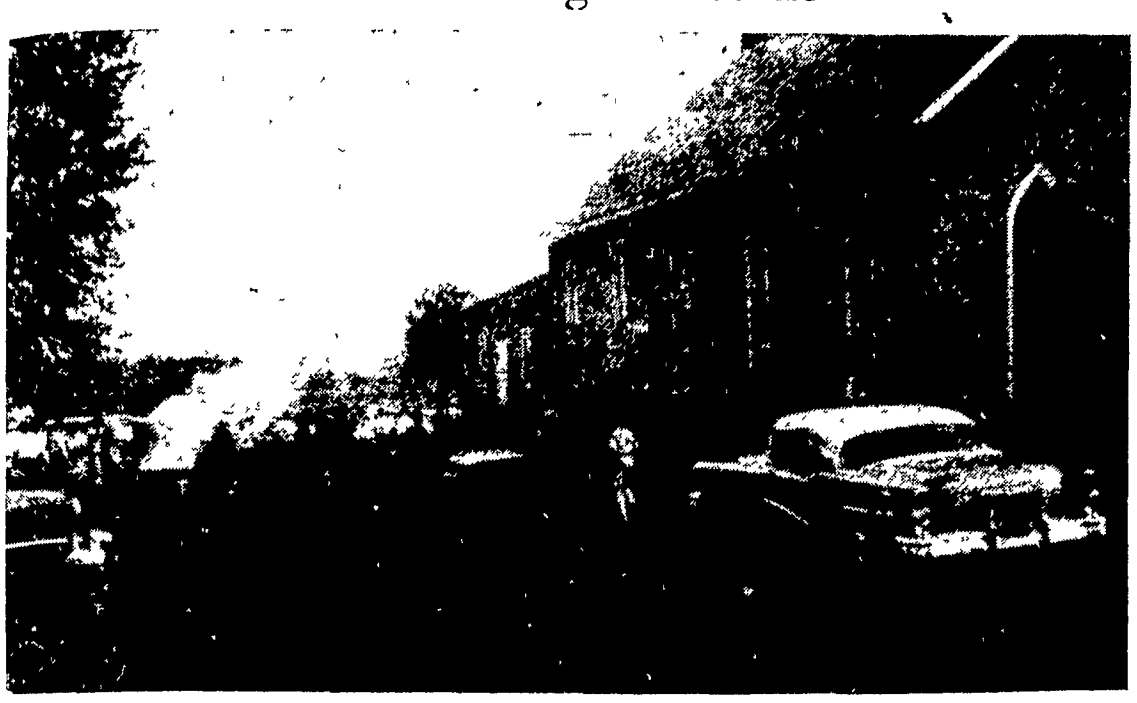

A profit of $364 was realized by Fulton Grange No. 66 in its Thursday night Chicken Barbecue at Oakryn Grange Hall Wednesday evening of last week More than 400 suppers were served, and response was far beyond expectations. Shown above is a general view of the barbecue scene and Grange Hall (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

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Since the years of World War I, egg production per hen has considerably more than doubled. The quantity of eggs produced from a ton of feed is up about 35 per cent. Egg production per hour of labor on laying flocks has tripled.

No doubt many of you at this Festival have played an important role in these developments — developments that are so fundamental to our present great poultry industry

Last year Pennsylvania produced 350 million dozens of eggs If these had been raised with World War I rates of labor efficiency on poultry farms, about 20,000 more men would have been required to care for Pennsylvania's laying flocks Also if World War I rates of feeding efficiency still prevailed, about 375 thousand tons more feed would have been required for the same output of eggs

Someone might suggest that would be good — in view of all the surplus feed we have on hand But, of course, it would not be good More eggs from a given amount of feed, from a square foot of floor space — more product per hour of labor — these factors have lowered production costs Lower costs have stimulated a great expansion of poultry farming Consumers, encouraged by high quality, abundant supplies, and attractive prices have used more eggs Consumption has risen from less than 300 eggs per person per year twenty years ago to more than 400 eggs in recent years

Without the great advances that have occurred in production methods neither Pennsylvania nor the nation would have the poultry industry it has today

Without scientific research, we would not have this industry It has been built on science.

And also we would not have it without the great flexibility that has characterized our agriculture — a flexibility that has permitted farmers continuously to adjust their operations to meet changing production and market conditions.

That is the look backward, to see where we have been, and where we are What of the look ahead?

It must be true that most of you are not content with poultry farming as it is today — because if you were you probably would not have a State Poultry Federation through which you can exchange ideas, and through which also you can work as a group to do things you cannot do equally well alone.

We do not yet have the best bird that can be bred Very possibly we never will have

We do not have the last word on feeding and management — or on marketing and distribution.

Anything that has changed — and still is changing — as rapidly as the poultry business must still have a great deal of change ahead This fact is an ever-present challenge to each poultryman — how can he do his job better, more efficiently, more profitably? The answers developed so far are what have made today's poultry industry. More answers will make the poultry industry of tomorrow

More research on the production and marketing problems still faced by all poultrymen! More experimentation to find answers to problems on your individual farms!

And fundamental to everything will be your continued freedom to make adjustments to the changing times Most of the progress in farming in the past has been due to the fact that farmers have been free to make their own management decisions Certainly this essential freedom will be no less important in the future

Poultrymen have a long record of rejecting the siren song of price supports I salute you for your statesmanship — and commend you for your wisdom that has been so abundantly proven

Your objective as farmers is to produce an adequate living for your families — a living at least comparable to other American families. How well your family can live is a question of your annual income — not merely the price you get for one dozen eggs or one pound or bushel of any other product.

Price times volume determines your gross income Price is just one factor Your right to product is just as important

Price times volume minus your costs determines your net income And I know as you do, that you cannot operate efficiently, and keep your costs in line, without the freedom to manage your own farms — freedom to produce as your own circumstances dictate

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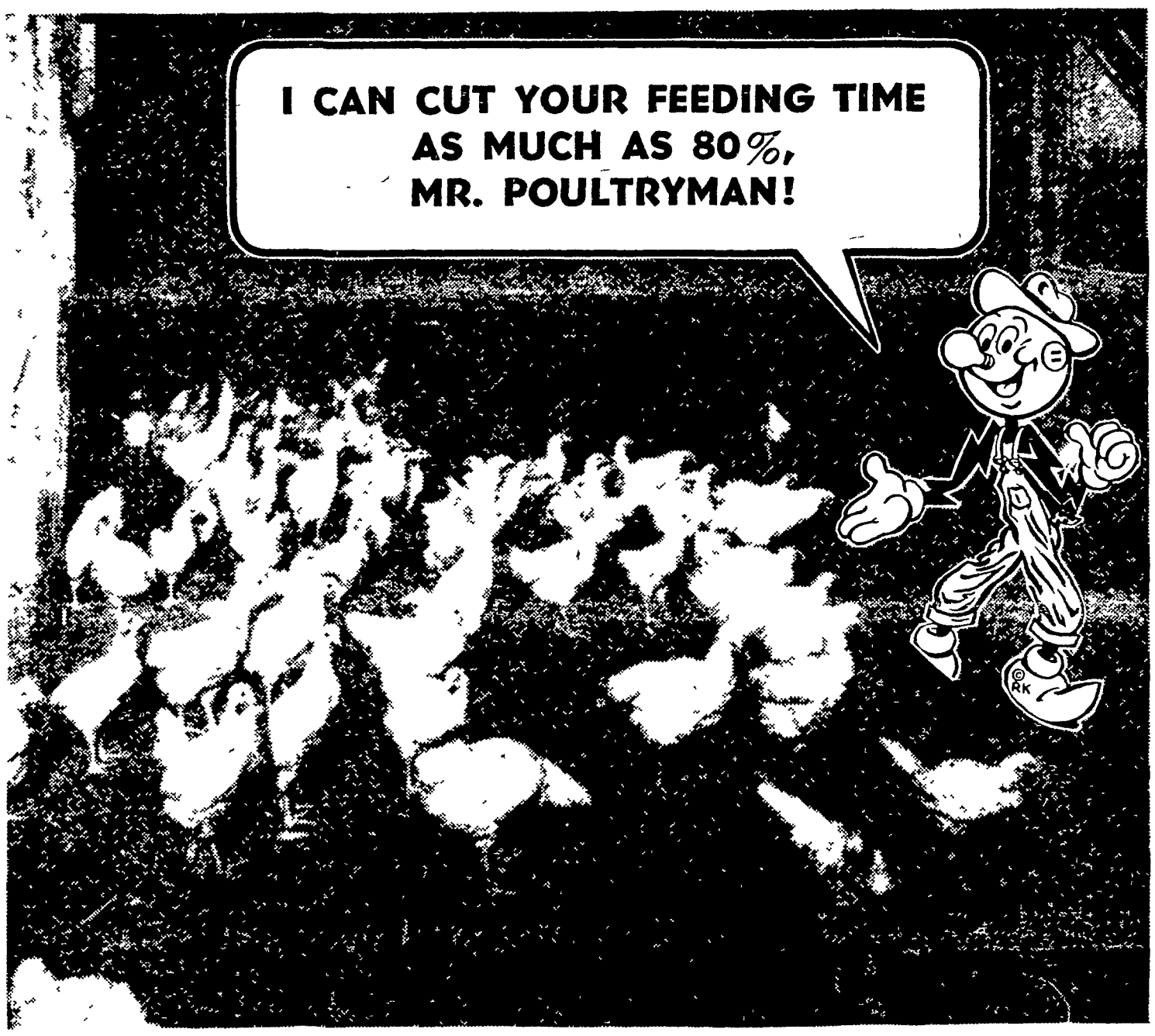

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Anyone — and we still have some — who would make prices the central theme of farm policy is doing a great disservice to farm families.

Today the so called basic crops — the ones that have had the supposed benefits of rigid price supports right up to the harvest of last fall — these crops are now in more serious difficulties than are the crops and livestock that have not been price supported.

How can cotton, or tobacco, or wheat farmers, who have been sharply restricted in their acreage, produce an adequate living for their families? Actually some of them have almost been forced out of farming by the controls that have followed upon their price supports.

This is a tragic circumstance.

I welcome this opportunity to discuss with you some of these problems It is imperative that they shall be more fully understood, not only by farm people but by all Americans.

This is my first public address since the national political conventions. During the next two and a half months much attention will be focused on political discussions — and that agriculture will get its share of political attention is abundantly clear.

I have a feeling that a good deal of politics has been buzzing around my head for the past three and a half years. But you know by now that I am not a politician — at least many people have told you so many times.

However that may be, from now until November — and I say this in all seriousness — I will be neither more poltical nor less political, in what I say and do, than I have been in the past

Farm people — my people — have problems — serious ones These problems have been brought on in large part by politics They will not be solved by more political maneuvering They will be solved only by facing facts — by sound thinking, and sound action.

The farm problem has not changed because this is a political year I was reared on a farm I have operated my own farm and have worked with and for farm people practically all my life I have stated my views on what must be done to work our way out of the present difficulties of agriculture These views have not changed because of a coming election. And I shall continue to state these views as clearly as I can, and to as many people as I can, between now and election — and after election as necessary.

American agriculture is neither Republican nor Democrat. Farm people cannot, and must not, be thought of as a group who may put on the political auction block. Their problems cannot be solved that way

At the same time, I am glad this is a presidential election year — and I am not at all unhappy that some people are choosing to make agricultural problems an issue in the campaign. But of all the discussion—and even controversy — will come better understanding of farm problems than we have had for a long time! I am confident of the good judgment of farm people — because they know, perhaps better than most, that "as ye sow so shall ye reap."

At the very heart of the agricultural issue is whether our farms are to continue to be operated by free men Or, on the other hand, to offset some very real and obvious problems that farmers now face, will government go in the opposite direction and subsidize agriculture in such a manner that it also takes control?

If price supports are to be increased, and are to be extended to more crops and to livestock, as again is being proposed in the political debate about agriculture, then farmers will be subjected to more controls. Such a result would be inescapable Producers would have to be told how many sows they can keep and how many pigs the sows may farrow — how many hens they can keep, and how many eggs the hens may lay.

Control is the inevitable, the unavoidable twin of the subsidy. Subsidized prices — meaning prices consistently and substantially higher than the market would pay — always lead to surpluses This is because artificially high, guaranteed prices are a green light to producers, and encourage production. At the same time they are a red light to consumers and discourage consumption. If more — or even the same amount — is produced, but less can be sold, then what is called surpluses begin to accumulate. Then output has to be restricted in an effort to restore balance between supply and demand. Restricted production means that the right to produce has to be rationed among farmers. And this requires use of the government's police power, to restrain farmers, in our free country.

This is a sequence of cause and effect that is bitter as gall to me. As a permanent condition in our agriculture it is no more necessary than it is desirable.

Our most critical farm problems — both national and for most farmers — are those rooted in our surpluses. There are other problems, as there always have been. But we could live with, and surmount the others if we could get out from under the distortions and disruptions caused by the surpluses.

I would like briefly to review five questions with you.

1. How did we get these surpluses?
2. Whose surpluses are they?
3. What are they doing to farmers?
4. Why haven't we gotten rid of them?
5. What can be done about them?

1. How did we get the surpluses?

We have the surpluses primarily because we carried wartime incentive price supports too long into postwar years During World War II price supports were raised from the prewar range of 52 to 75 per cent of parity and placed at 90 per cent in order to stimulate all out production to meet war needs Farmers responded magnificently

War places insatiable demands on agriculture It requires every pound, and bushel, and bale that can be produced. But after some postwar rehabilitation, the same quantities and kind of produce can not be sold at the same prices in peacetime markets. And yet the wartime incentive levels of price supports on the six so-called basic commodities — the same rigid 90 per cents — were extended year after year following the war. The final extension was in July 1952, for two years — in other words, through the marketing year for the harvests of 1954 Thus for a decade after the war — right up to the harvests of last year — the price support levels on the basic commodities were still calling on farmers to produce just as they did in wartime. And yet we did not have the wartime markets

Surpluses began to accumulate in 1948 and 1949. Korea reversed the trend, briefly. Then the pile up became even more rapid

At first only a few items were involved — particularly wheat

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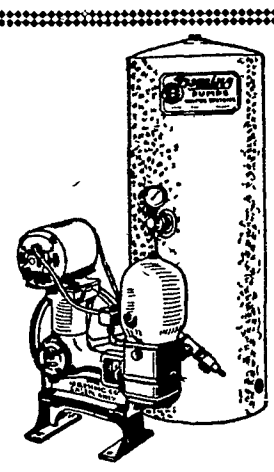

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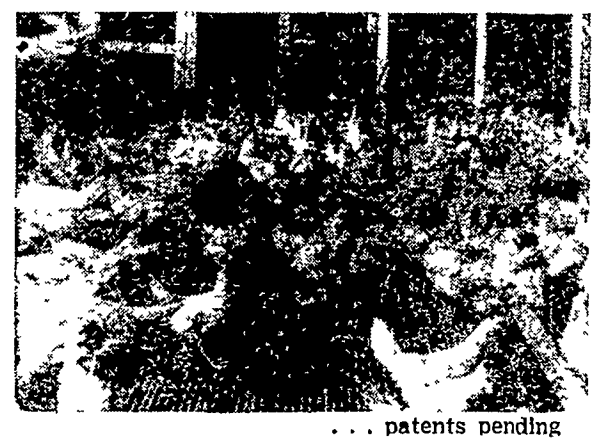

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Then think a minute about the other alternatives.

When the surplus stocks are sold or given away in the domes- tic market, there is always the risk — an ever-present risk — of lowering the prices for what you and other farmers are pro- ducing currently. Thus we have to proceed cautiously for your protection

And while the surplus stocks are sold or given away overseas, except in carefully controlled

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and cotton But acreage diverted out of these crops threw others into surplus. Feed production was increased and stimulated over expansion of livestock — and so the problem spread un- til almost every farmer, regard- less of what he produces, is ad- versely affected.

2 **Whose surpluses are they?**

I raise this question only be cause some of my political -op- ponents have been blaming this Administration.

When we took office in Janu- ary 1953, the inventories and loans of the Commodity Credit Corporation were about $3 bil- lion But our predecessors had left a time bomb. Prior to In- auguration Day, they already had announced unlimited pro- duction of wheat, corn and cot- ton for 1953. Before we could do anything about it — a year later — government-held sur- pluses had increased to $6.5 bil- lion. As provided in the law, we had to subject farmers to acreage and marketing controls in 1954. This was done with great regret because I was well aware of the hardship it would work on farmers. But it was necessary and unavoidable be- cause the rigid wartime price supports were still in effect for the basic crops. Even with the controls, the surplus stockpiles increased to well over $7 bil- lion by the end of the 1954 mar- keting year.

While it was a time-bomb that our predecessors left for us, it was farmers and the public — particularly farmers — who got hurt

3. **What are the surpluses doing to farmers?**

What are the costs involved in these government-held sur- pluses? First, the storage costs alone on the $8.5 billion stock- pile we now have are more than a million dollars a day. Then there are administrative costs and interests costs on the money. Deterioration costs are small, but some are unavoidable. There are losses when these products are sold for less than the gov- ernment paid.

These are costs to taxpayers — to the Nation as a whole. They are small compared to other costs which fall upon you as farmers.

The reason is that no one can prevent the surplus stockpiles from having a price-depressing effect upon your markets. I cannot emphasize too strongly that produce taken over by the government for price support purposes has not actually been sold It is merely held in a government warehouse await- ing a final use. It is still part of the domestic and the world sup- ply However closely it may be guarded from the market, every- one knows that sooner or later, for one purpose or another — even to meet one emergency or another — it will sometime be used. And when it is used it will add to market supplies Conque- ntly, the very existence of such stocks always has its depressing effect on market prices.

Department of Agriculture economists estimate that our net farm income last year was reduced at least 20 per cent — at least 2. billion dolars — by the price-depressing effect of the surplus stockpiles. This stagger- ing sum is about **5.5 million dol- lars a day** that the surpluses are costing farmers — 5.5 million dollars a day in reduced net in- come Such tragic losses must be stopped. The cause must be

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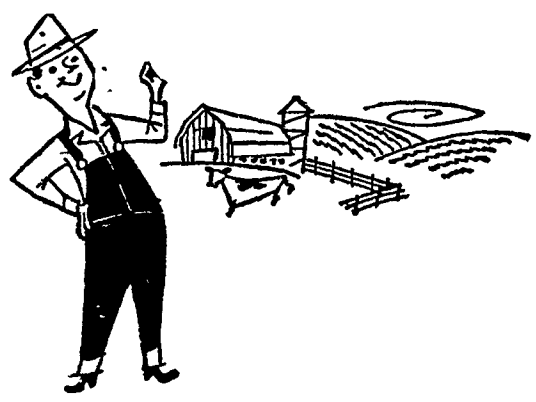

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quantities, there is the same risk — and the risk also of upsetting markets in other countries and bringing retaliation upon us from other governments

Thus the surplus situation that has grown up as a result of unwise price supports — the wartime, rigid, incentive price supports continued too long after the wartime markets no longer existed — that surplus appears up to this point to have presented a nearly insoluble problem.

In spite of everything we have been able to do in disposal, surpluses have continued to flow into the Commodity Credit Corporation more rapidly than they could be moved out. The result has been a tragedy for farmers and a dilemma for the Administration.

5. What more can be done about them?

It is against this background, and to help solve the dilemma, that the Soil Bank legislation was proposed.

The Soil Bank will not be a cure-all. It should be one more tool to help overcome the distortions created by the surpluses and to get agriculture back to more freedom and prosperity

The voluntary and temporary Soil Bank provided for in the Agricultural Act of 1956 has three interrelated purposes

First, to achieve a temporary reduction in farm output, with their participation.

Second, in consequence of smaller production, to provide an opportunity — a place in the market — to liquidate surplus stocks without depressing market prices

Third, to shift an acreage of cropland not now needed into grass and trees and other conserving uses The reason is to conserve and safeguard our precious heritage of soil and water resources against the future needs of the many generations yet unborn

Unfortunately, the Soil Bank legislation, was so long delayed that it could not be fully effective for 1956 Only a partial program could be established — and the partial application will have little effect this year on the surplus stocks. The real test of the Soil Bank as a means of surplus elimination will come next year

It must be made to work. It must not be degenerated by political pressure into a mere crop insurance or drought relief scheme — for which it was not intended — and thereby fail in its most important purpose of surplus reduction

To restrict production is unpalatable to farmers, even for a cause as important as the elimination of surpluses But I expect a large proportion of farmers to recognize the necessity for the Soil Bank and to accept the voluntary participation it offers

To ask farmers to restrict production is unpalatable for me. But since it must be done before the burden of surpluses hurts our farmers even more seriously, a temporary and voluntary Soil Bank seems to promise the best solution.

And when the surpluses are eliminated and the distortions they have caused are behind us there is one more essential We must then avoid, as we would a plague, all price-support schemes or other programs of a kind that would build up surplus problems again

I have spoken feelingly of these situations that now exist, because they are so basic and fundamental to the prosperity of agriculture — and to the well-being of farm families This Administration has one broad objective in carrying out its responsibilities to our farm people That is to do everything in our power to develop and maintain a sound, prosperous, expanding, and free agriculture We believe that only in this way can farm life be the profitable and satisfying experience we all want it to be

We believe there are many ways in which government can render assistance to agriculture, and be a real servant of farmers And we believe this is government's proper role.

We believe that to whatever degree agricultural programs force government to control farmers, there is a corresponding risk that government will become master instead of servant. We do not believe that master is a proper role of government.

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Ladies and gentlemen, the transition from war to peace is never easy for agriculture War always brings insatiable demands and rising prices It is easier to gear up to greater production than it is to readjust to the changing demands of peacetime. But surely no one wants war as a solution to any difficulties that readjustment may bring. Our great blessing is that we have peace — a peace achieved and maintained under the leadership of our great President.

We are fortunate in this transition to peacetime conditions that we have had a national economy continuing to operate at a high level. Our problems of agriculture adjustment would be far more complex if this were not true.

Farmers have been caught in a cost-price squeeze the seriousness of which I would certainly not minimize. Yet never before in history has the transition from war to peace been made as smoothly of with as little distress to farmers. If it were not for surpluses, the average of farm prices would now stand about 90 per cent of parity.

The percentage of farms owned by the families who operate them is at a record high level — and the number of farm foreclosures is near an all-time low This is in sharp contrast with the years shortly after World War I

But surely it does not mean that this Administration is satisfied with farm conditions as they are In keeping with our responsibility to farmers, a whole battery of programs — some old and some new — is being operated to protect and improve the economic position of farm families These include

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I am proud of the opportunity I have had to serve the interests of farmers in this Administration I am proud also of my many associates in the Department of Agriculture They, too, have worked devotedly in your interests. I am glad to have the record of our stewardship thoroughly discussed in the election campaign.

The positive, constructive programs advocated by this Administration are designed to retain to farmers their full heritage of freedom, and to contribute to a sound and expanding farm prosperity They are programs founded neither on the quicksand of war nor the entanglements of bureaucracy

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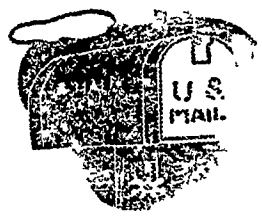

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Two resolutions were voted on, the Grange voting favorably for both

Resolution No. I:

Whereas we have had in the past men who have done outstanding service for our organization through the ability as leaders in the Grange, we, the members of Lancaster County Pomona go on record as favoring the placing of a suitable plaque on one of the chairs in the office of the State Headquarters in memory of a fellow member, Past Master John A. McSparren;

Resolution No II

Whereas we in the Philadelphia milk shed, operating under Order No. 61, have developed for ourselves a good milk market largely through the efforts of Interstate Milk Producers Association in controlling and marketing our surplus, and, whereas, we as dairy farmers have gone to great expense to provide better equipment and a better quality of milk, be it resolved that Lancaster County Pomona Grange, meeting in regular session at Fulton Grange Hall, Aug. 18, 1956, go on record as opposing any move to destroy the marketing plan under which we now operate.

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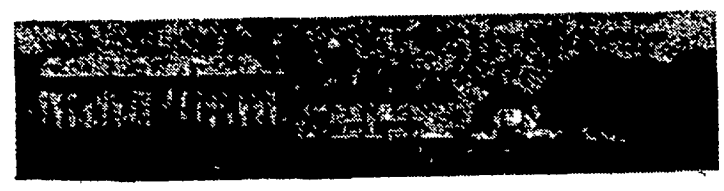

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Agriculture Is Not Political, Benson Asserts

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cultural economy fluid, to keep this God-given right of freedom to choice, so we don't freeze agriculture in uneconomic patterns," he added

"Price times volume determines your gross income. Price is just one factor. Your right to produce in abundance is just as important. Some of our commodities have learned this on price alone. The emphasis on price in the case of cotton priced itself right out of world markets. We've lost our markets abroad, some at home, due to all this emphasis on price — an artificial price," Mr. Benson aserted in another extension of his script.

Secretary Benson's appearance before the 5000 in the grandstands was important in another way — it was his first major speech since conclusion of the major political party campaigns, and caused him to say, "The farm problem has not changed since this is a poltical year. . . . Farm people have problems, serious ones. These problems have been brought on in large part by poltical maneuvering, unwise government policies They will not be solved by more political maneuvering. They will be solved only by facing facts — by sound thinking, and sound action"

He complimented President Eisenhower on having the political courage to veto, in an election year, the first farm bill produced by Congress this year: "That bill was an economic monstrosity"

"American agriculture is neither Republican nor Democrat Farm people cannot, and must not, be thought of as a group who may be put on the political auction block Their problems cannot and will not be solved that way"

"At the same time, Mr. Benson explained, "I am glad this is a presidential election year, and I am not unhappy that some people are choosing to make agricultural problems an issue in the campaign Out of all the discussion — and even controversy — will come better understanding of farm problems than we have had for a long time I am confident of the good judgment of farm people — because they know, perhaps better than most, that 'as ye sow so shall ye reap' We will not resort to nostrums and panaceas for political pressures"

"Our objective is markets. A government warehouse is not a market. I will not support any program which is not to the best interests of the farmers — regardless of political pressures," he said in another added note.

The use of government police powers, to restrain farmers in restricted production, rationed production, "is a sequence of cause and effect that is bitter as gall to me As a permanent condition in our agriculture, it is no more necessary than it is desirable," he asserted

High prices in agricultural products came as a result of "the insatiable demands of war; we have the surpluses primarily because we carried wartime incentive price supports too long into the postwar years We didn't have the political courage to make the change when the war ended" Mr Benson asserted Wartime price supports stimulated all-out production, and farmers responded magnificently, but, "in the end, the farmer must pay the price The Government does not make the price"

"The record is now clear — rigid price fixing shrinks markets, it increases taxes, reduces farm income In the past two weeks there have been some who seek a return to rigid price fixing," the USDA chief explained

"We have proven you cannot control production; all you do is chase acres around," — and as a result, Mr. Benson told his audience, production has increased in many lines the Government sought decreases. Surplus stockpiles have a depress price-depressing effect upon markets. "There is not satisfactory substitute for a market," he asserted.

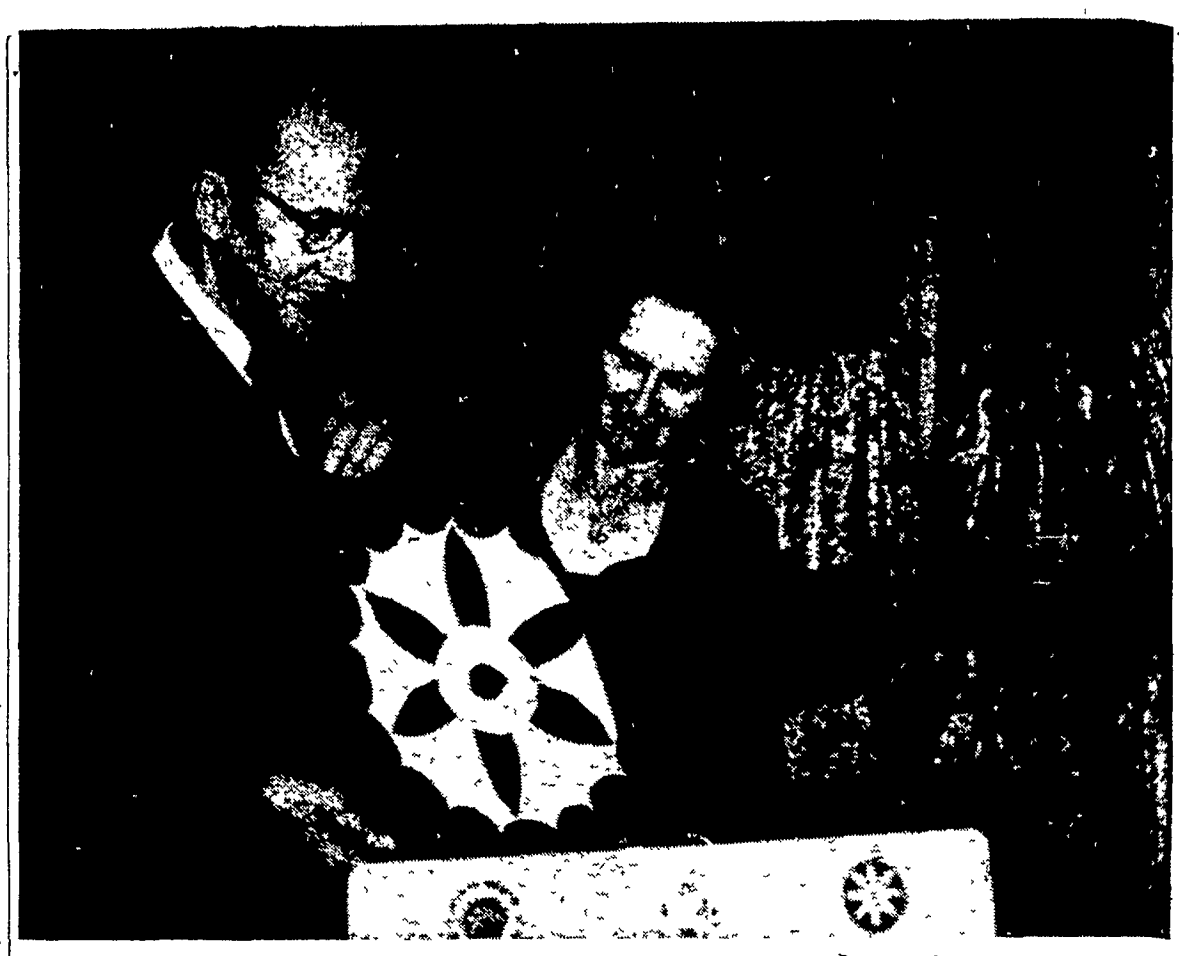
"We've got to fight vigorously — but honestly — for markets in the world At last our surpluses are on the run and our prices are on the rise That's what we want," he added in another footnote

Speaking of the Soil Bank legislation, Mr. Benson told, "Never before has a piece of farm legislation been put into effect as quickly"

"We must avoid, as we would a plague, all price-support schemes or other programs of a kind that would build up surplus problems again There is no easy way, no cure-all, ours is a many-sided attack, sound, practical approach

"Agriculture is not going to pot, despite the prophets of doom and gloom," Mr. Benson told as he neared the end of his address, closing with

"The positive, constructive programs advocated by this Administration are designed to retain to farmers their full heritage of freedom, and to contribute to a sound and expanding farm prosperity They are programs founded neither on the quicksand of war nor the entanglements of bureaucracy With God's help we will carry out our role of dedicated servant, to help agriculture go forward," he concluded



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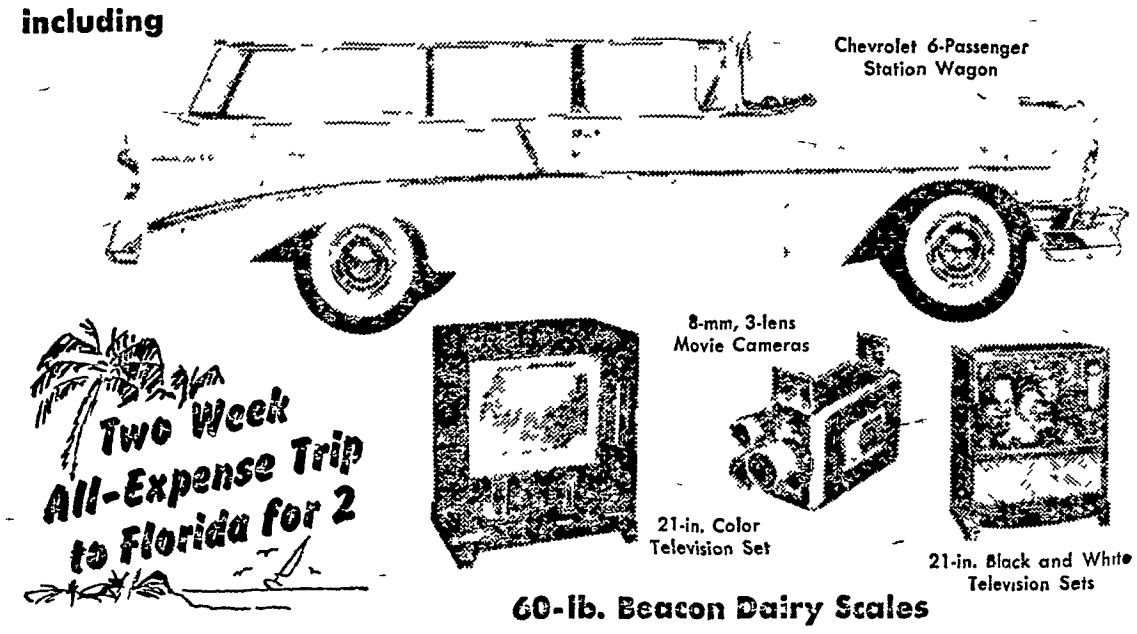
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